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THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR

Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs
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Recommendations

The Committee recommends to the Australian Government:

- that in developing its policy towards East Timor the Australian Government should make formal recognition of the incorporation of East Timor into the Republic of Indonesia conditional on the holding of an internationally recognised act of self-determination which indicates that integration does in fact represent the will of the majority of the people of East Timor,

- that until such an act of self-determination is held in East Timor, Australia should oppose the Indonesian position on this subject in the United Nations,

- that, in the absence of a genuine act of self-determination, the Australian Government oppose any action or statement which implies endorsement of the legality of the incorporation of the territory of East Timor into the Republic of Indonesia.

- that the Australian Government use its influence in the United Nations and other international fora to maintain pressure on the Indonesian Government to redress the legitimate grievances of the people of East Timor.

- that Australia encourage Indonesia to permit the free movement of East Timorese out of Indonesia and East Timor and that Australia continue its family reunion program for East Timorese.

The Committee recommends to the Senate:

- that the question of providing for international travel by Senate Committees and their witnesses be considered as a matter of urgency by the Senate.

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September 1983